

U.S. District Court
District of Columbia (Washington, DC)
CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:18-cv-00262-RBW

JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Assigned to: Judge Reggie B. Walton
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 02/05/2018

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
02/05/2018	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5318459) filed by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC.. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney for DC, # <u>3</u> Summons for U.S. Attorney General, # <u>4</u> Summons for U.S. Department of Justice)(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
02/05/2018	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by JUDICIAL WATCH, INC. (Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
02/05/2018		Case Assigned to Judge Reggie B. Walton. (zsth) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
02/05/2018	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (zsth) (Entered: 02/05/2018)
02/08/2018	<u>4</u>	GENERAL ORDER FOR CIVIL CASES BEFORE THE HONORABLE REGGIE B. WALTON. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 8, 2018. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 02/08/2018)
02/14/2018	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 2/12/2018. (Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 3/14/2018.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 02/12/18., RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE served on 2/12/2018 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit 1 (U.S.

		Attorney for DC), # <u>2</u> Exhibit 2 (U.S. Attorney General), # <u>3</u> Exhibit 3 (U.S. Department of Justice))(Bekesha, Michael) (Entered: 02/14/2018)
03/14/2018	<u>6</u>	NOTICE of Appearance by Carol Federighi on behalf of U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 03/14/2018)
03/14/2018	<u>7</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.(Federighi, Carol) Modified to add link on 3/15/2018 (znmw). (Entered: 03/14/2018)
03/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER. To ensure the expeditious resolution of this action, and because this qualifies as an exempted case under Local Civil Rule 16.3(b), it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint proposed schedule governing further proceedings on or before April 5, 2018. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on March 15, 2018. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 03/15/2018)
03/15/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Proposed Briefing Schedule due by 4/5/2018 (hs) (Entered: 03/15/2018)
04/05/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/05/2018		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the parties' <u>8</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional joint status report on or before May 7, 2018, setting forth a proposed schedule governing further proceedings. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on April 5, 2018. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/05/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 5/7/2018 (hs) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
05/07/2018	<u>9</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT (<i>Second</i>) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 05/07/2018)
05/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>9</u> Second Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the FBI shall make its first production, consisting of the responsive non-exempt portions of approximately 100 pages processed, on or before May 11, 2018. It is further ORDERED that the FBI shall process an additional 500 pages, and produce the non-exempt portions of the responsive records included in each 500 pages, on June 15, 2018, and on the 15th day of every month thereafter (or on the next business day if the 15th is not a business day). It is further ORDERED that any excess by which one month's processing total exceeds 500 pages may be applied against the next month's obligation. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file another status report on July 16, 2018. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on May 7, 2018. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 05/07/2018)
05/08/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 7/16/2018 (hs) (Entered: 05/08/2018)
07/16/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT (<i>Third</i>) by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 07/16/2018)
07/17/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>10</u> [Third] Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the FBI shall continue to process 500 pages per month and produce the non-exempt portions of the responsive records on the 15th day of each month (or on the next business day if the 15th is not a business day). It is further ORDERED that any excess by which one month's processing total exceeds 500 pages may be applied against the next month's obligation. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file another status report on or before December 17, 2018. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on July 17, 2017. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
07/17/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 12/17/2018 (hs) (Entered: 07/17/2018)
12/17/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 12/17/2018)
12/18/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>11</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file another status report on or before June 17, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on December 18, 2018. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 12/18/2018)
12/18/2018		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 6/17/2019 (hs) (Entered: 12/18/2018)

01/14/2019	<u>12</u>	MOTION to Stay of FOIA Processing Deadlines in Light of Lapse of Appropriations by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 01/14/2019)
01/15/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>12</u> Motion for a Stay of FOIA Processing Deadlines in Light of Lapse of Appropriations, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED IN PART AND DENIED IN PART. The motion is GRANTED to the extent that the government seeks to vacate the impending deadlines in this case. The motion is DENIED in all other respects. It is further ORDERED that the impending deadlines in this case are VACATED pending further Order of the Court. It is further ORDERED that, on or before January 28, 2019, the parties shall file a joint status report regarding how this case shall proceed. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 15, 2019. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/15/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 1/28/2019 (hs) (Entered: 01/15/2019)
01/24/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the continued lapse in appropriations, it is hereby ORDERED that the previously imposed deadline for filing a joint status report on or before January 28, 2019, is VACATED. It is further ORDERED that, on or before fourteen days after appropriations have been restored, the parties shall file a joint status report proposing new deadlines in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on January 24, 2019. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 01/24/2019)
02/08/2019	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 02/08/2019)
02/11/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>13</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file an additional joint status report on or before September 16, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on February 11, 2019. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 02/11/2019)
02/12/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/16/2019 (hs) (Entered: 02/12/2019)
09/14/2019	<u>14</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>File Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 09/14/2019)
09/16/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the <u>14</u> Defendant's Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Joint Status Report, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ORDERED that this motion is GRANTED. It is further ORDERED that the parties shall file a joint status report on or before September 18, 2019. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 16, 2019. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 09/16/2019)
09/17/2019		Set/Reset Deadlines: Joint Status Report due by 9/18/2019 (hs) (Entered: 09/17/2019)
09/18/2019	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. (Federighi, Carol) (Entered: 09/18/2019)
09/30/2019		MINUTE ORDER. Upon consideration of the parties' <u>15</u> Joint Status Report, it is hereby ORDERED that the parties shall file a status report on or before January 16, 2020, regarding how they wish to proceed in this case. Signed by Judge Reggie B. Walton on September 30, 2019. (lcrbw1) (Entered: 09/30/2019)